

EXTRACTS

FROM THE

MINUTES OF THE XXXI. SESSION

OF THE

SYNOD AND MINISTERIUM

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH,

IN

THE STATE OF NEW-YORK,

AND ADJACENT PARTS.



*Convened in Sion's Church, Cobleskill, Schoharie County, N. Y.,
on September 3d, and succeeding days, A. C. 1826.*

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OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE STATE OF
NEW-YORK AND ADJACENT PARTS.

Sunday, September 3, A. C. 1826.

IN compliance with Resolution xviii. of the xxx. Session, the members of the Ministerium convened, this day, in the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Sion, in Cobleskill, Schoharie county; and after the introductory solemnities of divine worship, the Rev. Dr. WACKERHAGEN, President of the Ministerium, delivered a discourse on Matthew ix. 29—*According to your faith, be it unto you.*

At 3 o'clock P. M. the services of the Christian Temple were resumed, and the Rev. F. C. SCHÆFFER addressed the congregation on Matthew xx. 8—*Call the laborers and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first.* After a short interval, the Rev. Dr. GEISSENHAINER preached in the German language, from i. John iii. 1, 2, 3—*Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God! therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.*

The exercises of public worship were also conducted, on this occasion, in the Dutch Reformed Church, adjoining; the use of which had been kindly tendered to the brethren. In the morning, the Rev. Candidate GOERTNER, preached from Luke xvi. 31; and in the afternoon, the Rev. Dr. HAZELIUS discoursed on Luke xviii. 6, 7, 8. At early candle-lighting, the Rev. P. G. COLE delivered a sermon, in the neighboring Methodist Church, from James i. 12.

OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE STATE OF

NEW-YORK AND ADJACENT PARTS.



Monday, September 4.

Sunday, September 3, A. D. 1836.

MORNING SESSION.

The Synod assembled for the transaction of business, at nine o'clock A. M., in the church; and having been organized, was constituted with prayer, by the Rev. PRESIDENT.

CLERICAL MEMBERS PRESENT.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

1. Rev. A. WACKERHAGEN, D. D., President of the Ministerium;
Pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Churches in *German-town* and *Livingston*, Columbia county, N. Y.
2. — F. W. GEISSENHAINER, D. D., Treasurer of the Ministerium; Pastor of the United German Lutheran Churches, *City of New-York*.
3. — F. J. G. UHL, Pastor, &c., *Churchtown*, Columbia county, N. Y.
4. — P. F. MAYER, D. D., *St. Johns, Philadelphia, Pa.*

5. — F. G. MAYER, *Albany*, Albany county, N. Y.
6. — E. L. HAZELIUS, D. D., Principal of Hartwick Seminary,
Hartwick, Otsego county, N. Y.
7. — P. W. DOMEIER, Montgomery county, N. Y.
8. — F. C. SCHAEFFER, *New-York City*.
9. — G. A. LINTNER, *Schoharie*, *Cobleskill*, and *Middleburg*,
Schoharie county, N. Y.
10. — J. R. GOODMAN, Secretary to the Ministerium, Pastor,
&c. *Brunswick*, *Sandlake*, and *Schaghticoke*, Rensselaer coun-
ty, N. Y.
11. — G. B. MILLER, *Canajoharie*, Montgomery county, N. Y.
12. — A. CROWNCE, *Sharon* and *Durlach*, Schoharie county,
N. Y.
13. — J. SENDERLING, *Cicero*, Onondaga county, N. Y.
14. — P. G. COLE, *Summit*, Schoharie county, and *Davenport*,
Delaware county, N. Y.

CANDIDATES.

15. — F. H. GUENTHER, *Fredericksburg* and *Ernest-town*, Up-
per Canada.
16. — J. P. GOERTNER, *Johnstown*, Montgomery county, N. Y.
17. — J. BERGER, *Ghent* and *Millville*, Columbia county, N. Y.
18. — W. J. EYER, *Wittemberg*, Dutchess county, N. Y.
19. — P. WIETING, *Lowville*, Lewis county, and *Le Ray*, Jef-
ferson county, N. Y.
20. — J. D. LAWYER, *Schoharie*, Schoharie county, N. Y.

LAITY.

DELEGATES.

21. Mr. HENRY J. TEAL, representing the congregation in *Rhine-
beck*.

22. — JOHN WEAVER, *Germantown and Livingston.*
23. — H. D. SNECKNOR, *United German Lutheran Churches.*
24. — THOMAS LAPE, *Churchtown.*
25. — DANIEL POHLMAN, *Albany.*
26. — STEPHEN SWACKHAMMER, *Hartwick.*
27. — JOSEPH BORST, *Schoharie, Cobleskill, and Middleburg.*
28. — DANIEL SIMMONS, *Brunswick, Sandlake, and Schaghticoke.*
29. — F. H. COX, *Canajoharie.*
30. — JOHN STERNBERG, *Sharon and Durlach.*
31. — SAMUEL LAPE, Jr., *Summit and Davenport.*
32. — JONATHAN TREVOR, *Ghent.*
33. — FREDERICK J. PALTZ, *Wittemberg.*
34. — MICHAEL MOORE, *Johnstown.*

COMMISSIONERS.

35. — JOHN H. SHULZ, *Stone Arabia.*
36. — J. SEIDELMEYER, *Bern.*

CLERICAL MEMBERS ABSENT.

1. Rev. F. H. QUITMAN, D. D. Senior of the Ministerium, Pastor, &c. *Rhinebeck, Dutchess county.*
2. — H. MOELLER, *Hartwick.*
3. — W. STARMAN, *Waldaborough, Me.*
4. — D. HENDRICKS, *Saddle River and Ramapough, N. J.*
5. — H. N. POHLMAN, *New Germantown, German Valley, and Spruce Run, N. J.*

CONGREGATIONS NOT REPRESENTED.

Guilderland, Cicero, Lowville, Le Ray, Geissenberg, Warren, Danube, St. Matthews, N. Y. ; Fredericksburg, Ernest-town, U.

Canada ; Saddle River, Ramapough, New Germantown, German Valley, Spruce Run, N. J.

The minutes of the last session were read and adopted.

The Rev. PRESIDENT, in compliance with the requirement of the Constitution, made report to the House, of the business transacted by him during the recess ; and communicated, in detail, such advices, which he had received, as had a connexion with the concerns of the Ministerium, and the interests of the Communion in general.

Rev. Dr. MAYER laid upon the table, for the use of the members, twenty printed copies of the transactions of the Synod of West Pennsylvania ; and the Rev. Dr. GEISSENHAINER, in delivering the same number of copies of the Minutes of the Synod of East Pennsylvania, apologized for the non-attendance of the Rev. Mr. MILLER, the Delegate from that body to this session.

Copies of the proceedings of the Synod of South Carolina, were likewise received and distributed.

Rev. Mr. SCHAEFFER, who had been appointed a Delegate to the last session of the Synod of East Pennsylvania, stated the causes which prevented his proceeding thither ; which were accepted as satisfactory.

Excuses for non-attendance were received from Rev. Messrs. STARMAN and POHLMAN, which were severally admitted.

A letter from Rev. J. BACHMAN, of Charleston, S. C. was read, announcing his connexion with the Synod of South Carolina ; and stating, that the propriety of withdrawing himself from this Ministerium, had reluctantly led him to present his resignation of active membership.

On motion made and seconded, it was unanimously,

I. *Resolved*, That, in accordance with sec. 8, chap. v. of the Constitution, the Rev. Mr. BACHMAN be considered an *honorary* member of this Ministerium; and that the Secretary furnish him with a certificate of this relation with it.

Notices were then given of the various subjects which were to be submitted to the attention of the Synod. Those, which were decided as coming within the purview of the Ministerium, were referred thereto; and a petition from the congregation in *West Camp*, in Greene county, for ministerial supplies, was offered to the consideration of the Missionary Committee.

The Rev. PRESIDENT communicated a note from the family of the Rev. Mr. MOELLER, conveying intelligence of his extreme feebleness, and desiring an interest in the prayers of his ministerial brethren, and those of the church.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. HAZELIUS, seconded by the Rev. G. B. MILLER,

II. *Resolved*, That a letter be addressed by the PRESIDENT, in the name of the Synod, to the Rev. H. MOELLER, who has desired the prayers of the church and his brethren; assuring him of our tender regard and best wishes towards a beloved and revered brother, for the last days of his life.

Abstracts from the church registers of the under-named congregations, were presented by the respective officiating pastors:

PAROCHIAL RETURNS, FOR THE LAST SYNODICAL YEAR.

CONGREGATIONS.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Communicants.	Deaths.
Ger mantown, Livingston, etc.	96 3 ad.	9	160	21
Churchtown,	93	13	82	—
Albany,	33	2	175	—
United German Lutheran Churches, New-York,	50	—	215	31
Hartwick,	5	—	30	—
Stone Arabia,	76	—	112	18
St. Matthew's, N. Y.	41	13	232	—
	3 ad.			
Schoharie, Cobleskill, and Middleburg,	123	16	355	—
Brunswick, Sandlake, and Schaghticoke,	77	11	228	—
	2 ad.			
Sharon and Durlach,	60	6	200	14
Milford, Davenport, and Summit,	23	8	103	5
Lowville and Le Ray,	33	9	60	—
Ghent,	55	20	137	9
	2 ad.			
Wittenberg,	27	—	94	—
Johnstown,	28	—	59	5
Bern,	3	—	31	—
Fredericksburg, Ernest-town, etc. Upper Canada,	15	—	44	6
Guilderland,	—	—	35	—

On motion of the Rev. Dr. MAYER, and seconded,

III. *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed, to examine the Treasurer's accounts, and audit all bills that may be presented against the Synod.

Whereupon, Rev. Dr. HAZELIUS and Messrs. SIMMONS and BORST were appointed.

The following contributions were received from the under-named congregations and individuals, in aid of the Synodical and Missionary funds.

	Synodical.	Missionary.
Congregation of St. Peter's, Rhinebeck,	\$3 00	\$2 00
" Churchtown, - - -	2 00	0 00
" Germantown and Livingston,	2 00	13 37½
" Albany, - - -	5 00	0 00
" United German Lutheran Churches, - -	5 00	5 00
" Hartwick, - - -	0 00	5 00
" Schoharie, Cobleskill, and Middleburg, - -	0 00	5 00
" Brunswick, Sandlake, and Schaghticoke, - -	5 00	0 00
" Sharon and Durlach, -	2 00	4 00
" Cicero, - - -	0 00	2 00
" Fredericksburg and Ernest-town, - - -	2 00	3 00
" Ghent, - - -	2 00	0 00
" Wittemberg, - - -	2 00	6 00
Rev. Dr. Mayer, - - -	5 00	0 00
Carried up,	<u>\$35 00</u>	<u>\$45 37½</u>

	Synodical.	Missionary
Brought up,	\$35 00	\$45 37½
Rev. Dr. Hazelius, - - - -	1 00	0 00
P. W. Domeier, - - - -	0 00	1 00
F. C. Schæffer, - - - -	0 00	3 00
G. B. Miller, - - - -	2 00	0 00
J. Berger, - - - -	0 00	1 00
	\$38 00	\$50 37½

The Rev. Dr. HAZELIUS, as Chairman of the Committee appointed at the XXX. session, to prepare a plan for the foundation of a fund, to be appropriated to the relief of infirm clergymen, etc. submitted certain propositions for the forming of an association, in furtherance of this object. On the suggestion of the Rev. gentleman presenting them, it was

IV. *Resolved*, That three additional members, from the clergy and laity, be appointed to revise, with the present Committee, the plan lately submitted; and that a report thereon be made to-morrow morning.

Whereupon, Rev. Mr. LINTNER and Messrs. SNECKNOR and POHLMAN were appointed.

The Rev. Mr. DOMEIER gave notice that he had resigned his pastoral charge of the congregations in Johnstown and Stone-Arabia.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. LINTNER, seconded by the Rev. G. B. MILLER,

V. *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to examine and report on the Minutes of the several Ministe-

ria and Synods which have been laid on the table.

Whereupon, Rev. Messieurs F. G. MAYER and G. B. MILLER, and Mr. F. H. Cox were appointed.

On motion, adjourned to 2½ hours P. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Dr. HAZELIUS.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Monday, September 4th.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. SCHAEFFER.

The Rev. PRESIDENT stated that, on the opening of the morning session, he had omitted to communicate an affectionate message from the Rev. SENIOR to his brethren; with whom, his bodily infirmities prevented him from meeting, at the present time.

The Rev. F. G. MAYER, from the Committee on the proceedings of the several Ministeria, &c. made report:

REPORT I.

That, in performing the duty assigned them, they find, from the proceedings of the Synod of Pennsylvania, that the receipt of fifty copies of the Minutes of the XXX. Session of this body is acknowledged; that regret is expressed at the non-attendance

of the representative of this Ministerium; and that the Rev. JACOB MILLER was appointed a Delegate to the present meeting of this Synod.

From the Minutes of the Synod of South Carolina, etc. they learn, that said Synod have passed a resolution to introduce into their Churches the Hymn Book and Liturgy issued under the authority of this Synod.

Which was respectfully submitted, with the following resolution:

VI. Resolved, That this Synod acknowledge, with pleasure, the receipt of copies of the proceedings of the Synod of Pennsylvania; of the Synod of Pennsylvania West of the Susquehannah; and of the Synod of South Carolina and adjacent States.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. MAYER, seconded by F. H. Cox,

VII. Resolved, That the report and accompanying resolution be received.

The Rev. Mr. SCHAEFFER, in behalf of the Committee on Hartwick Seminary, presented the following report:

REPORT II.

The Chairman of the Committee on the Hartwick Seminary and the lay-member of the Committee having been prevented from attending the annual exercises of the Seminary, and the meeting of the Trustees, a circumstance which I deeply regret, it devolves upon me to report to the Synod the result of my visit to Hartwick.

On Tuesday evening, August 29th, 1826, I attended the public exercises of Hartwick Seminary, conducted in the presence of the Trustees and a respectable number of the friends and patrons of the institution. The pieces spoken on the occasion were, in general, well written, and gave the young gentlemen of the Academy an opportunity of displaying oratorical powers which were indicative of talent and improvement.

On Wednesday morning, the 30th, I had an interview with the Board of Trustees, and had the pleasure to learn that the pecuniary affairs of the institution are still in an encouraging condition. The edifice in which the instruction of the pupils is conducted, is to be considerably repaired in the current year. The library is said to have been so greatly improved, by the appropriation which the Ministerium had made for that purpose, as to need no immediate addition. The regulations for the government of the Academy have been revised, and ordered to be published in pamphlet form, together with a catalogue of the books used by the students. The Trustees resolved to furnish each member of the Ministerium with a copy.

At this session of the Trustees, a resolution was unanimously adopted, which is justly considered as establishing a measure of great moment.

The following is a copy of the resolution, with the certificate of the Secretary :

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars be annually appropriated, for the purpose of employing a permanent Assistant Teacher, whose duty it shall be to teach, in addition to the branches heretofore taught in the Seminary, Chemistry and Natural History ; and that Joseph D. Husbands, Jerome Clark, and Arunah

Metcalf, be appointed a Committee to associate with the Principal in the choice of said Teacher."

"I certify that the above is a copy of a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Trustees of Hartwick Seminary.

(Signed,)

WM. C. BAUCK, *Sec'ry pro tem.*"

"August 30th, 1826."

After the interview with the Trustees, I attended the examination of the different classes, who were examined in the various branches taught in the Seminary. The plan adopted on such occasions in this institution is well calculated to show the Rev. Principal's excellent mode of instruction, and the great improvement of the pupils. All those connected with this Seminary appeared to feel encouraged; and I take great pleasure in stating, that during the next term there will be an accession of academical and theological students.

F. C. SCHÆFFER,

One of the Committee on Hartwick Seminary.

Hartwick, Otsego county, Aug. 30th, 1826.

On motion of the Rev. G. B. MILLER, seconded by the Rev. F. G. MAYER,

VIII. *Resolved*, That the report on Hartwick Seminary, as just read, be accepted.

On motion of the Rev. A. CROWNCE, seconded by the Rev. G. B. MILLER,

IX. *Resolved*, That the Committee on Hartwick Seminary be continued for the current synodical year.

The Rev. Mr. SCHAEFFER having declined a re-appointment as a member of the Committee, the Rev. G. B. MILLER was added, to supply the vacancy.

Agreeably to notice, the SECRETARY called up for consideration the following recital and resolution; which were seconded by the Rev. F. G. MAYER, and, after debate, unanimously adopted:

Whereas, It is the opinion of this House, that the Constitution, in providing for the representation of Delegates and Commissioners in Synod, from the several congregations, supposes their appointment to be from among those who are in communion with this Church;—therefore

X. *Resolved*, That no Delegate, Commissioner, nor Agent, hereafter, be admitted to a seat in Synod, who may not, within one year preceding his appointment, have been registered as a member of the congregation which he represents.

A communication from sundry individuals of the congregation in Stone Arabia, containing certain charges against the Rev. P. W. DOMEIER, was read; and on the passage of resolutions to that effect, the *matter of accusation* was referred to the Rev. Dr. HAZELIUS, G. B. MILLER, the SECRETARY, and Messrs. SIMMONS and BORST.

The Committee on the Treasurer's accounts reported progress, and were continued.

The consideration of the following motion, made by the Rev. Mr. LINTNER, was next in order; and was preceded by the reading of the Constitution, which it was agreed, by the Con-

vention held in Hagerstown, Md. in October, A. C. 1820, to submit to the attention of the several ecclesiastical bodies of the Church.

XI. *Resolved*, That the "Constitution of the General Synod," etc. be adopted; and that this Ministerium unite therewith.

After considerable discussion, it was resolved to defer the further consideration of the subject to the session of to-morrow.

Adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at 8½ o'clock.

Closing prayer by the Rev. F. G. MAYER.



Tuesday, September 5th—8½ o'clock.

MORNING SESSION.

Prayer by the Rev. Dr. GEISSENHAINER.

The Rev. PRESIDENT reported, that he had written a letter to the family of the Rev. Mr. MÖLLER, agreeably to the request contained in resolution II. of this Synod.

The Rev. Dr. HAZELIUS, from the Committee on the Treasurer's accounts, made report.

REPORT III.

That the accounts and vouchers were duly examined and found correct;—and that balances of \$400 13¼ of Synodical mo-

nies, and of \$36 02½ of the Missionary fund, were remaining in his hands. The Committee likewise audited the several bills presented against the Synod, amounting to \$114 74¾.

On motion,

XII. *Resolved*, That the report be accepted.

The Rev. Dr. HAZELIUS, in behalf of the Committee on the Fund for the relief of infirm Clergymen, etc. reported progress; and, from considerations of the importance of the subject committed to them, requested that the Committee might be continued to the next Synod; which was granted.

The Rev. Mr. SCHÆFFER, Chairman of the Committee on Vacant Congregations and Missionary Concerns, presented the following report:

REPORT IV.

The Committee on Vacant Congregations and Missionary Concerns,

REPORT:

That soon after the adjournment of the Synod in September last, the members of the Committee, who had convened at Rhinebeck, resolved upon engaging the Rev. Jacob Senderling as a Missionary, to proceed as far as some of the Evangelical Lutheran Congregations in Canada. He spent upwards of one month in the discharge of Missionary duties. It was also resolved, to request the Rev. Dr. Hazelius to officiate as a Missionary, during the recess of Hartwick Seminary. He has visited many of the Western counties of this state, and also a part of Canada. As these brethren travelled a great distance, and incurred considerable expense, appropriations were made for their benefit from

eth Missionary fund ; and these are the only sums which have been taken from the Missionary fund since the last session of the Synod. It should be mentioned, also, that Mr. Senderling was allowed to retain the donations he might receive from the congregations in which he officiated on his journey.

The Chairman of the Committee had an interview with the vacant congregation at Minden, in Montgomery county, mentioned in our last report, as being subjected to some evils caused by an impostor, who had kept the congregation in confusion for a long time. In a German and English sermon the people were exhorted unto Christian zeal and unity.

Subsequently, a number of our brethren held a Conference in the same congregation ; the Rev. Dr. Hazelius officiated in the German language. The Rev. Messrs. Lintner, Miller, Crownce, and Goertner, preached in the English tongue. About the same time, the Rev. Mr. Lawyer visited the Stone Church at Palatine. These labours in these vacant churches have had a beneficial effect ; and it is to be greatly regretted, that like attention could not be paid to other vacant congregations in our state.

The Committee is assured from various quarters, particularly from the Western counties visited by Dr. Hazelius, that the families which belong to the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and who have no preachers and no ordinances, are very numerous, and very anxious, also, to be supplied with the blessings of the faithfully administered gospel. Some of our needy brethren reside in settlements that are greatly exposed to the operations of sectarian spirits, and fanatical adventurers, the consequences of which are truly deplorable. Could two or three Missionaries be constantly employed, aided by the contributions of the more favoured sections of our church, the number of congregations would greatly increase. The efforts which have been made since the first formation of the Committee on Vacant Congregations and

Missionary Concerns, have already resulted in collecting many of our scattered brethren, in providing for the destitute, and employing, as settled Ministers, several of our younger clerical brethren.

During the last year, circumstances have prevented the Chairman of this Committee from giving as much attention to the objects of the Committee, as he and his associates would have desired. Besides, the Committee have been unable to offer a sufficient remuneration for the expenses which would have been unavoidable, had a suitable Clergyman been found, willing and qualified to devote his whole time to the bringing together of the dispersed members of our church, establishing congregations, and supplying them statedly with the bread of life.

Sundry particulars which relate to vacant congregations in the state of New-York and in Canada, will necessarily come before the Synod through the Rev. President.

The Committee having had full evidence of the disinterested labours of the Rev. J. P. Gœrtner, who, in the capacity of a Missionary of this Ministerium, rendered very important services to our church and to the cause of Jesus, the Committee considered it an act of justice to allow him to retain the donations which he had received from sundry congregations: namely, from the congregation at Ghent, \$11 50; Wirtemberg, \$7 00; in Canada, \$14 50—total, \$33 00; a sum by no means adequate to indemnify Mr. Gœrtner for his most necessary expenses not defrayed by the former sum which had been voted him when he entered upon his missionary duties. The Treasurer's accounts will show the present state of the Missionary fund.

The Committee have had several important applications before them, especially those offered at this session of the Synod, on which they are unable to report at this time. The papers and

other information will be handed to the Missionary Committee to be appointed for the ensuing year.

F. C. SCHÆFFER,

F. J. G. UHL,

JOHN R. GOODMAN,

H. BOUCK,

H. F. COX.

Cobleskill, Sept. 5, 1826.

On motion made and seconded,

XIII. *Resolved*, That the report, as read, be accepted.

On motion of the Rev. G. A. LINTNER, seconded by the Rev. F. G. MAYER,

XIV. *Resolved*, That the Committee on Vacant Congregations and Missionary Concerns, be continued for the current year.

The Rev. Messieurs SCHAEFFER and UHL having declined a re-appointment, the Rev. Dr. HAZELIUS and the Rev. Mr. LINTNER were named to supply the vacancies in the Committee.

The debate on the motion of the Rev. Mr. LINTNER, in relation to the General Synod, was resumed; and, after a due consideration thereof,

On motion of the Rev. Dr. MAYER, seconded by the Rev. G. B. MILLER, it was

XV. *Resolved*, That the resolution, as submitted, be indefinitely postponed.

The Rev. PRESIDENT requested the sentiment of the House, in respect to a letter from Mr. Lewis Mayer, who, in the early

part of last year, was *provisionally* licensed by the Rev. Dr. QUITMAN, and who now, along with the congregation in *Schuyler*, Herkimer county, whose memorial is appended, solicits a renewal of the license, and a designation to the church in the aforementioned town.

After deliberation, it was

XVI. *Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners cannot be granted.

The Rev. Dr. MAYER asked and obtained leave of absence, for the remainder of the session, for himself and Deputy TEAL.

A communication from the church in Stone-Arabia, requesting the attention of the Synod to the supplying of a Pastor, etc. was read, and referred to the approaching session of the Ministerium.

On motion,

XVII. *Resolved*, That when this Synod adjourns, it adjourn to meet in Albany, on the last Sunday in September, A. C. 1827.

On motion of Mr. Cox, and seconded by the Rev. Dr. HAZELIUS,

XVIII. *Resolved*, That one of the clerical members be appointed to preach a Missionary Sermon at the next meeting of this Synod.

Whereupon, the Rev. Dr. MAYER was named as principal, and the Rev. Mr. GÆRTNER, as alternate, in case of failure.

XIX. *Resolved*, That Delegates be appointed to represent this body at the ensuing sessions of the Synods

of Pennsylvania, West Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia, and Ohio.

The Rev. Dr. GEISSENHAINER was accordingly appointed for the Synod of Pennsylvania.

"	Mr. LINTNER,	"	Maryland and Virginia.
"	Mr. POHLMAN,	"	West Pennsylvania.
"	Mr. MILLER,	"	Ohio.

On motion, it was unanimously

XX. *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Synod be presented, by the officiating Pastor, to the congregation in this place, for the kind attentions extended to the members and others composing this body.

XXI. *Resolved*, That the Synod now adjourn to the time and place appointed by resolution XVII. of the present session.

Concluding prayer by the Rev. PRESIDENT.

the official Pastor, to the congregation in

the place, the kind of attention extended

YXL. Resolved, That the Synod now adjourn to the time and

MINISTERIAL SESSION.

Monday, September 4th—12 o'clock, M.

The Ministerium was constituted with prayer by the Rev. Dr. **MAYER.**

The Rev. PRESIDENT proposed for ordination, as Pastors in the Evangelical Lutheran Church, the reverend candidates **JACOB BERGER, WILLIAM J. EYER, and PHILIP WIETING**; with all of whose ministrations, the congregations under their respective care had expressed due approbation.

A memorial was read, at the same time, from the Church Council of the congregation in *Johnstown*, Montgomery county, offering their testimony to the propriety, etc. of the pastoral conduct and services of the reverend candidate, **JOHN P. GÆRTNER**; and requesting his ordination in the aforesaid church, at a time to be appointed by the President.

A communication in writing was likewise made to the Ministerium from the vestries of the collegiate churches in *Fredericksburg* and *Ernest-town*, Upper Canada, stating the satisfaction of these congregations in the ministerial offices, etc. of the reverend candidate **F. H. GUENTHER**; and praying for his ordination at this session.

On motion made and seconded, it was unanimously

I. Resolved, That the candidates, Messieurs JACOB BERGER, WILLIAM J. EYER, PHILIP WIETING, and FRANCIS H. GUENTHER, be ordained Ministers of the Gospel of our Lord JESUS CHRIST, on to-morrow at 12 o'clock, M.; and that, in accordance with the prayer of the petition from Johnstown, the candidate, Mr. JOHN P. GÆRTNER, receive ordination in his church, at a time hereafter to be named by the Rev. PRESIDENT.

The Rev. Dr. HAZELIUS, Principal of Hartwick Seminary, laid before the Ministerium the name of Mr. HERMANUS HAYUNGA, who had pursued his theological studies under his inspection, in that institution, as an applicant for license.

The Rev. PRESIDENT stated that, during the recess, he had granted a *special* license to Mr. JOHN D. LAWYER, of Schoharie, who now appeared for examination and a renewal thereof.

Whereupon, it was

II. Resolved, That these applications be referred to an Examining Committee, consisting of the Rev. Drs. HAZELIUS and GEISSENHAINER, and the Rev. Messrs. LINTNER and G. B. MILLER; and that report thereon be made at the next session of this body.

The attention of the Ministerium having been directed to the subject, after an interchange of sentiment, it was

III. *Resolved*, That the letters of license hereafter granted to applicants, be *indefinite* as to time, in their privileges.

On motion,

Adjourned to the close of the next Synodical session.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. LINTNER.

SECOND SESSION.

Tuesday Morning, September 5th.

The session was opened with prayer by the SECRETARY:

The Rev. Dr. HAZELIUS, from the Committee appointed to examine the applicants for license, made report:

REPORT.

That they have examined them in the evidences of Christianity, the Greek Testament, Systematic Theology, and Church History, in the presence of the Rev. PRESIDENT, and found that they have laid a good foundation for further studies and exertions in the several branches upon which they were examined.

The Committee therefore recommend to the Ministerium, the adoption of the following resolution:

IV. *Resolved*, That Messrs. JOHN D. LAWYER and HERMANUS HAYUNGA be received this day, as Licentiates by this Ministerium.

On motion,

The report and resolution were unanimously received.

The petition from the congregation in *Stone Arabia*, asking that the vacancy, occasioned by the resignation of the Rev. Mr. DOMIER, might be supplied by the Ministerium; and expressing a desire, that a Clergyman, capable of administering the *word and ordinances* in the German and English languages, might be requested to officiate for them, was called up and considered. On the passage of a resolution to that effect, the Rev. Mr. SCHAEFFER, who had previously given notice of his resignation of the pastoral care over St. Matthew's Church in New York city, consented to visit them.

At the request of the reverend candidates, Messrs. BERGER and GÆRTNER, (the latter of whom, gave notice that he had concluded to be ordained at the approaching occasion,) the following brethren were appointed to instal them in their respective churches in Ghent and Johnstown, viz :

For the installing of the Rev. J. BERGER—Rev. Dr. WACKERHAGEN, Rev. Messrs. UHL, F. G. MAYER, EYER, and GOODMAN.

For the installing of the Rev. J. P. GÆRTNER—Rev. Dr. HAZELIUS, Rev. Messrs. LINTNER, SCHAEFFER, MILLER, CROWNCE, and COLE, were named.

After the transaction of sundry items of business, connected only with the individual interests of certain portions of the church,

On motion,

V. Resolved, That the members now attend divine service ;
and that this Ministerium stand adjourned to
the time and place appointed by resolution
XVII. of the late Synodical session.

Concluding prayer by the Rev. PRESIDENT.

ORDINATION, &c.

The solemnities of divine worship, which derived additional impressiveness from the occasion, were commenced at 12½ o'clock M.; after which, the Rev. Dr. HAZELIUS discoursed from Romans, chap. iii. ver. 31, *Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.*

By appointment, Rev. Dr. GEISSENHAINER addressed the applicants for license; to whom the Rev. PRESIDENT, having previously received their engagements, required by the Constitution of the Ministerium, gave the right hand of Christian fellowship and love; after invoking a blessing upon their labours in the church of a Triumphant and Glorious HEAD.

The candidates for ordination, having approached the altar, were affectionately exhorted by the Rev. PRESIDENT to an earnest and serious attention to the Holy Scriptures, which were delivered to them by the officiating brethren. The solemn rite of Ordination, as Ministers of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST, was then dispensed, by the *Imposition of Hands and Prayer* from the Rev. PRESIDENT; in which act, others of the Clergy assisted, agreeably to appointment.

The exercises were concluded by the singing of a Hymn and the Benediction.

I certify, that the preceding extracts have been made from the recorded minutes of the XXXI. Session of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of the State of New York, &c.

J. R. GOODMAN,
Secretary to Ministerium, &c.

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EXCERPTA,

FROM COMMUNICATIONS AND DOCUMENTS LAID BEFORE SYNOD.



The Rev. PRESIDENT, in detailing the several subjects presented to his notice, since the last session of the Synod, remarked, among other interesting matter, that an Evangelical Lutheran Church in *Middleburg*, Schoharie county, had been solemnly dedicated to the service of ALMIGHTY GOD; and that, the congregation worshipping therein, was collegiate with those in *Schoharie* and *Cobleskill*, and under the pastoral care of the Rev. Mr. LINTNER.

Reference was also had to a communication, dated *Fayette-town*, Seneca county, from the Rev. J. J. BEILHARZ, a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania, who has been engaged as a Missionary in the Western parts of this state; and, according to the report made by him, with results favourable to the communion in that section of country.

Information was likewise given, of the organization of a new congregation in *Millville*, Columbia county, by the Rev. Mr. BERGER, which will be in connexion with that in *Ghent*, and under his ministry.

Opinions were expressed, that, within the current year, new churches would be completed in *Summit*, Schoharie county, and in *Schaghticoke*, Rensselaer county; measures having been entered upon for these purposes, which, with Divine permission, will be zealously furthered,



The intimation is gratifying, that our Lutheran brethren in the province of Upper Canada, who have long been destitute of the stated ministration of the Gospel, are about being fully supplied with pastoral offices. In addition to the late settlement of the Rev. Mr. GUENTHER, in Ernest-town and Fredericksburg, we are pleased to know, that the Rev. Licentiate HAYUNGA has proceeded to Dundas county, with the intention of continuing there for a period of time.



In September, 1825, an Evangelical Lutheran Synod was fully organized and constituted, by the Pastors and Congregations in the Western parts of Pennsylvania, and named, *The Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, West of the Susquehannah, in the State of Pennsylvania.*

The widely extended territory, over which the numerous churches in that state are spread, alone influenced a measure which, we are pleased to perceive, has resulted in the formation of an Ecclesiastical Council, consisting already of twenty-nine clerical members.

The officers are—

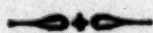
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" B. KELLER, *Treasurer.*

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— Dr. GEISSENHAINER, *Treasurer*, New York city.